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RUSSIANS PUSH PLANE OUTPUT IN 360 PLANTS

LONDON (Thursday), Dec. 9 (AP).---

1. An authoritative aircraft survey published today said the Russians have thrown 360 factories into a vast plane production race with the West.
2. In reticent terms, the latest edition of Jane's All the World's Aircraft revealed this program is designed to give the Soviet air force planes to match the performance of the latest models of the United States and Britain. Factories are scattered over wide areas.
3. The program lays stress on long-range heavy bombers--never a particularly strong point in Soviet aviation--and the building up of modern fighter screens in the satellite states.
4. Jane's gives a sketch and skimpy details of a new Soviet heavy bomber of the swept-wing four-jet type--planes usually considered capable of carrying nuclear weapons on intercontinental missions.
5. One of these bombers roared over Moscow last May Day, sweeping from horizon to horizon in 30 seconds. Accounts then explained it evidently was "capable of packing any weapon yet produced."
6. Jane's identified this type as a Tsagi h28. Possibly "only one prototype existed" at the time of its Moscow appearance, the publication said. There was no hint of how many the Russians now have.
7. The section on Soviet air power listed these other recent types:
 - (1) "A small rocket-propelled interceptor" stemming in conception from the German Messerschmitt 163 and 263.
 - (2) A twin-jet single-seater fighter with a cannon armament.
 - (3) A swept-wing twin-jet bomber.

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8. Jane's said:

"Could a detailed picture be freely given, it would almost certainly be seen that the USSR is now in the middle of a phase embodying the fruits of immediate postwar research, and is in the act of launching new efforts to advance further her knowledge of the techniques and technology of modern aviation."

9. Jane's said the United States Air Force now is undergoing a modernization program "which it is estimated will be 100 percent complete by 1957." By that time the Air Force will have a strength of 40,000 aircraft "half of which will be jet powered."

10. [Jane's said the Russians already have in squadron service the tug-75, a four-engine turbo-prop bomber that can fly 7650 miles non-stop--putting it within striking distance of the United States from East Russia, Reuters reported.]

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